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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This Amendment and Response is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 4, 2011, and includes the following sections:

Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 2; and
Remarks, beginning on page 7.

A request for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is herein requested by Applicant for this Amendment and Response. The fee for the extension of time will be charged to our credit card during the EFS e-filing process. If an additional request for an extension of time is required for this Amendment and Response to be consider timely, then Applicant hereby requests an extension for the necessary period of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a) for such extension to Deposit Account No. 06-0029, and notify us of the same.